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As the steward and manager of America's natural resources, including our energy sources, you know the value of electricity and of EEI's member companies to our nation's economy and workforce. Attached please find a new report by M.J. Bradley & Associates (MJB&A), *Powering America: The Economic and Workforce Contributions of the U.S. Electric Power Industry*.

This economic analysis was conducted on behalf of EEI in partnership with American Public Power Association (APPA) and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The report provides a detailed analysis of the role that electric companies—and their employees—play in the nation's labor force and economy. Importantly, the study takes a comprehensive look at the downstream impacts of jobs in the electric power industry.

Among the findings, the report shows that our industry supports more than 7 million American jobs—that is 1 out of every 20 jobs. As a whole, our industry contributes \$880 billion or 5 percent of total GDP. We think of this as the first 5 percent of the American economy because virtually every other sector of the economy depends, to a significant degree, on the safe, reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean energy delivered by the men and women of the electric power industry.

Understanding the industry's value, economic contributions, and changing nature is critical to policy decisions related to employment and economic growth. This report provides a foundation of knowledge and data to support policy decisions that create a strong economy and vibrant labor force.